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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Security Guidance

At today's 11:00 o'clock briefing, I announced (attributable to a Defense spokesman) that we had canceled the 12 point security guidance message of October 24, 1962.

We said that restrictions on the release of information for security reasons will be based on existing security directives.

Off the record, in an effort to increase the understanding of the news representatives of the problems that remain, I said the following:

As I told you, we propose to release information concerning the Cuban crisis according to whether it is classified or not.

One of the security problems we have is to insure that we do not compromise the Joint Chiefs of Staff contingency plans that we were prepared to implement during the Cuban crisis.

Furthermore, the way we are deployed right now is indicative of our capability in the event of any contingency and is hence a matter of security.

Also, the position of our surveillance aircraft is another factor we wish to protect.

Going back on the record. As usual, the Director of Security Review has the responsibility to ascertain the security of information at any time.

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